**Coal royalty paid to Jharkhand**

3051. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how much royalty has been payable for mining of Coal in the Jharkhand area during the last two years and the royalty paid to Jharkhand Government, so far;

(b) whether revision of rates of royalty on Coal mining has been long overdue, when it was last revised;

(c) the reasons for not revising the rates so far; and

(d) the remedial measures contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) The amount of royalty payable/paid by subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited to Jharkhand Government during the year 2000-2001 and 2001-02 (upto October, 2001), is given below:—

*(Rs. in crores)*

| Company | 2000-2001 | | 2001-2002 (upto Oct. 2001) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Royalty payable | Royalty paid | Royalty payable | Royalty paid |
| ECL | 26.94 | 26.94 | 30.40 | 30.40 |
| BCCL | 54.62 | 54.62 | 101.66 | 101.66 |
| CCL | 112.68 | 112.68 | 138.32 | 138.52 |
| TOTAL | 194.24 | 194.24 | 270.58 | 270.58 |

(b) to (d) The royalty rates on coal were last revised by the Central Government on 11.10.94. The statute does not provide any time limit for mandatory revision of royalty rates. However, in the Department of Coal a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) to examine the issue of adoption of *advalorem* basis for determination of royalty on coal and the related matter of revision of royalty rates on coal. The Committee has recently submitted its report, which is under examination of the Government.